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In response to the Appeal Board Decision dated December 14, 2011, and the Final Office Action dated May 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent Application as follows and consider the following remarks.

This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).